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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH IMMEDIATE

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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID EFIN CB JA

SUBJ: ESF NEGATIVE LIST

REF: A. PHNOM PENH 5429 B. TOKYO 4569

1. ON APRIL 19 EMBOFF MET KAZUHARA, DEPUTY HEAD, FIRST SOUTH-

EAST ASIA DIV, FONOFF, TO REVIEW STATUS OF FONOFF THINKING ON ESF NEGATIVE LIST. KAZUHARA, WHO HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY HANABUSA ON EARLIER CONVERSATION REPORTED REF B, CONFIRMED THAT FTNOFF SYMPATHETIC TO PRINCIPLE OF EXCLUDING NON-ESSENTIAL GOODS AND NOT ESPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH EFFECT THIS MIGHT HAVE ON JAPANESE EXPORTS. HOWEVER,; HE SAID, ALTHOUGH FONOFF HAS RECEIVED DRAFT LIST FROM PHNOM PENH, IT HAS NOT YET STUDIED MATTER OR DEVELOPED FIRM POSITION. FONOFF WILL ADVISE EMBASSY AND GOJ EMBASSY PHNOM PENH WHEN DECISION REACHED, HE SAID, EMBOFF SAID HIS IOPRESSION WAS THAT USG LIKELY TO AGREE TO NEGATIVE LIST IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE (THOUGH HE SUPPOSED OTHER DONORS AGREEMENT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PUT LIST INTO EFFECT) AND URGED KAZUHARA GIVE MATTER HIS PROMPT ATTENTION. KAZUHARA REPEATED THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH.

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2. COMMENT: IN SPITE OF FACT THAT FONOFF CLEARLY

SYMPATHETIC TO IDEA OF RESTRICTING IMPORTS OF NON-
ESSENTIAL GOODS, GOJ'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS DRAFT NEGATIVE LIST
MIGHT CHANGE FOLLOWING CAREFUL STUDY LIST AND ITS IMPACT
ON JAPANESE EXPORTS UNDER
ESF. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, FONOFF
MIGHT RESENT BEING CONFRONTED AT DONORS MEETING WITH FAIT
ACCOMPLI IN FORM OF LIST ALREADY AGREED TO BY GKR AND USG;
AT VERY LEAST FONOFF WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO MAKE SOME ADJUST-
MENTS TO LIST IN LIGHT ITS PARTICULAR INTERESTS. (OF
COURSE, IF INDIVIDUAL DONORS COMPILE OWN LISTS APPLICABLE
ONLY TO THEIR CONTRIBUTION, THIS PROBLEM DOES NOT ARISE.
EMBASSY ASSUMES, HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT THE CASE.) AC-
CORDINGLY, EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION IS THAT EMBASSY
PHNOM PENH RESIST GKR PRESSURE AND DELAY AGREEMENT TO LIST
PENDING FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH GOJ. IN SO DOING, HOW-
EVER, WE SHOULD INDICATE TO GOJ DATE BY WHICH WE
DESIRE APPROVAL OR COMMENTS FROM OTHER DONORS.
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